

2022-2023 Overview

What is the All Course Network (ACN)?

The ACN is part of PrepareRI, a statewide initiative to build career pathways for all Rhode Island youth. It is designed to help districts and schools offer their students a wide range of academic and enrichment opportunities outside of the traditional school day - at no cost to students and families.

What grades and districts are eligible to enroll in ACN courses?

RIDE recently received a federal grant and expanded seats available on the ACN and **now includes all RI** students enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12.

All RI districts participate in the ACN. To discuss the ACN with someone at your school, contact school counselors (middle and high school students) or school principals (elementary school students).

Why is the ACN an important resource for RI students?

Supplemental coursework through the ACN helps students get a head start on college and careers, develop social and emotional skills, explore interests, master the skills required of a lifelong learner, and have fun with other students. The ACN is for all RI students and no matter your goals, there is something for everyone on the ACN!

What types of courses are offered on the ACN?

Courses are offered fully online, online and in person (hybrid) or fully in person*. The ACN offers five course types:

- **Work-Based Learning** These courses assist students in accomplishing deep learning in a chosen area of interest and allow students to explore future career pathways, for high school credit.
- Advanced Placement (AP) AP courses are developed and approved by the College Board and offer students the opportunity to earn college credit through an end of course exam.
- **Dual Enrollment** These courses are offered by colleges to allow students to explore college level coursework and college communities to determine their interest in possible postsecondary education paths. College and high school credit is offered for these courses.
- Career Credential These courses assist students in accomplishing deep learning in a chosen area of
 interest and prepare them for employment or further education in a career path, while earning an
 industry-recognized credential and high school credit.
- **Enrichment** Enrichment courses are designed to give students the opportunity to try new things and explore and develop interests outside of the classroom. Credits are not earned for these courses.

How many courses can I/my student enroll in?

- The number of courses you/your student can enroll in varies by semester and course type. See below.
 - Students may take 2 credit bearing courses per semester in Fall and Spring. Yearlong courses count as 1 credit-bearing course for each semester.
 - o Summer 2022: 1 credit-bearing course and up to 4 additional enrichment courses.
 - Pre-registration limit = 8 courses

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- Fall 2022: Up to two credit-bearing courses. Yearlong courses count as one course in the fall and one course in the spring.
 - Pre-registration limit = 6 courses
- o Spring 2023: Up to two credit-bearing courses. Yearlong courses count as one course in the fall and one course in the spring.
 - Pre-registration limit = 6 courses

How To Pre-Register for the All Course Network (Summer 2022, Fall 2022, & Spring 2023)

- Beginning Monday, May 2nd, Summer 2022, Fall 2022, and Spring 2023ACN courses will be available on EnrollRI. EnrollRI.org/ACN
 - o Parents of rising K-8 students should create an account and pre-register their students. Students in grades 9-12 should create their own account.
 - o If you are a rising 9th-grader who enrolled in ACN courses during the 2021-2022 school year, do not create a new account! You will receive an email with information on how to transfer your account to you. You will then be able to pre-register for courses.
 - o If you are a rising 9th-grader who did not take ACN courses this year, you can create an account and pre-register beginning May 3rd.
 - o The 2022-2023 pre-registration period will end on Friday, June 3rd at 5 PM.

I just pre-registered myself or my student for a course with open spaces. What happens next?

- All credit-bearing courses for grades 6-12 will await approval by a school counselor or designee. If approved, all May 2022 pre-registrations are "pending-awaiting lottery" until the lottery takes place.
- All May 2022 pre-registration for non-credit bearing courses for grades K-12 are "pending-awaiting lottery" until the lottery takes place.
 - Once the lottery takes place, every pre-registration will be offered a seat OR be assigned a course waitlist. Log into your EnrollRI account and from the "Student Dashboard" you will "accept" or "decline" any seats offered. The offers will expire one week of the lottery results being announced.
 - o All course pre-registrations that do not result in enrollment will expire at this time.

My student's pre-registration has not been approved, what do I do?

 Reach out to your school to determine if the pre-registration was denied or your school point of contact has not had a chance to review. School points of contact can provide additional details if a pre-registration was denied.

What is the ACN Lottery process?

- All ACN courses will have an enrollment lottery. In order to participate in the lottery for any courses you or your student are interested in, make sure to pre-register before the June 3rd deadline. You will be notified no later than June 7th of the courses you have been approved for and will need to confirm your final choices.
- Courses with availability after the initial pre-registration lottery period will re-open for enrollment.

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 Visit the RIDE website to learn more about the ACN and EnrollRI to explore your options and choose the best courses for you! <u>EnrollRI.org/ACN</u>

Why is ACN shifting to a lottery process?

RIDE recognizes that a first-come, first-serve policy isn't always equitable. All courses for the 2022-23 school year will enroll by lottery to increase access, particularly for our most vulnerable students who may not have access to as many course offerings as their peers.

What will change for courses now that ACN will have a semester lottery for every course?

• Once the May pre-registration window closes, no pre-registrations will be accepted so the course lotteries can be run. Once the course lotteries are run, students will have time to log back in and accept their seats. For those who do not get a seat, they will be assigned a waitlist number. Summer courses will be available for additional registrations by June 28, barring any technical issues related to lottery and course selection processes, but students who choose to pre-register after the lottery will go to the bottom of the waitlist. The Fall/Yearlong course lottery will run in late August, and the Spring 2023 course lottery will run in December 2022. Specific dates will be announced soon.



For additional information on the ACN, click <u>here</u> to access RIDE's ACN website or email acn@ride.ri.gov. For more detailed instructions on how to create an account and register for ACN courses using EnrollRI, please visit <u>EnrollRI.org/ACN</u>.

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